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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows.

Please replace the paragraph at column 1, lines 49-64, with the following:

--Thus, the present invention provides, bacterial cellulose comprising ribbon-shaped microfibrils having a thickness of 1 to 9 nm and a width of 160 to 1000 nm, a method of producing bacterial cellulose which comprises culturing cellulose-producing bacteria which produce the bacterial cellulose extracellularly in a culture medium containing a cell division inhibitor, and recovering the bacterial cellulose produced in the culture medium, and further the present invention provides bacterial cellulose comprising ribbon-shaped microfibrils